

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment and Response responds to the Final Office Action (mailed November 1, 2007) and the Advisory Action (mailed February 26, 2008) and replaces the previous Amendment and Response, filed January 31, 2008.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 13, 15, 29, 30, 40, and 49 are amended. Claim 1 is canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. No claims are added. As a result, claims 2-6, 13-22, 29-32, 38, 40, and 49-51 are now pending in this application.

The Advisory Action mailed February 26, 2008 indicated that the previous Amendment and Response (filed January 31, 2008) will not be entered because they raised new issues. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2007 indicated that claims 49-51 contain allowable subject matter. In the previous Amendment and Response, Applicant amended the claims only to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 49. Therefore, Applicant believes that the previous Amendment and Response did not raise new issues. Further, the Advisory Action did not specifically points out which claims or which matters are considered as new issues.

Nevertheless, to expedite prosecution, in this Supplemental Amendment and Response, Applicant rewrites claims 49 in independent form as suggested by the Final Office Action to place claim 49 and its depend claims in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the amendments to the claims are fully supported the specification, as originally filed, and that no new matter is added. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0125565 to Chen et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,060,224 B2 to Edman et al. of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1 is canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 is now moot.

Claims 2, 3, and 6 are amended to be dependent from the allowable claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 2, 3, and 6 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claims 2, 3, and 6.

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0125565 A1) and Edman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,060,224 B2) as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0059238 to Chen et al. herein after Chen (2005) of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 4 and 5 are amended to be dependent from the allowable claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 4 and 5 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claims 4 and 5.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 49-51 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 49 is rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Final Office Action. The rewriting does not alter the subject matter recited in claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that claim 49 and its depend claims 2-6, 50, and 51 are now in condition for allowance.

Withdrawn Claims

Applicant amends withdrawn claims 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 are also allowable over the cited art. Therefore, Applicant requests rejoinder and allowance of claims 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 and their dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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